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"ONE OF US MUST DIE!"

PATRICK DROVE HIM TO SUICIDE, VALET JONES SAYS, FEARING REVELATION OF MURDER PLOT.

BROKE DOWN AFTER HE HAD TOLD ALL.

Valet Jones, After His Confession, Attempts Suicide in the Tombs---Will Recover.

"I have confessed everything!"

—VALET JONES.

"Then take this knife and cut your throat!"

—LAWYER PATRICK.

Tragic developments are coming fast in the great Rice poisoning mystery.

Charles F. Jones, the old millionaire's valet, attempted suicide this morning in his cell in the Tombs prison. He was discovered by a watchman with his throat cut from ear to ear.

A few hours before Jones had made a full confession to Assistant District Attorney Osborne and Chief of Detectives McCluskey of all the details of the plot to murder Rice and get possession of his millions.

Jones confessed that Lawyer Albert T. Patrick killed the old man with poison and they then forged his name to a fraudulent will and to checks on various banks for \$350,000.

When he was led back from the District Attorney's office to the Tombs Jones was confronted by Lawyer Patrick.

"I told Patrick that I had confessed everything," Jones said later. "Patrick drew from his pocket a penknife and gave it to me. 'The best thing you can do is to take this and cut your throat,' he said. So I went to my cell and tried to kill myself."

Jones was removed to Bellevue Hospital. The doctors say he will recover. He is closely guarded by policemen.

The inquest, which was to have begun this morning, has been postponed for a week.

JONES CUT HIS THROAT IN CELL.

Valet After Confession Attempted Suicide in the Tombs.

With his throat cut from ear to ear Charles F. Jones, valet to the late William M. Rice, was found at 4:05 o'clock this morning in his cell in the Tombs.

A few minutes after 4 o'clock this morning the night watchman in the Tombs heard groans coming from the upper tier of cells in which Lawyer Patrick and Valet Jones, the Rice conspirators, were confined.

On his way to investigate the watchman heard the falling of a heavy body. Reaching the valet's cell the watchman found Jones stretched out unconscious. Where his head lay a stream of blood dyed the stone floor.

In his right hand the man held a small pocketknife of the size used for cleaning fingernails. The blade was small but excessively keen. He had sharpened it on the rounded edge of his bench and it had done its work well.

Jones had fainted from loss of blood, but he was groaning feebly. The marble whiteness of his face was smeared with blood and presented a ghastly aspect in the faint glare of the watchman's lamp. "What has happened?" asked Lawyer Patrick, the dying man's fellow-criminal, who occupied an adjoining cell. "He's cut his throat, and you know it," answered the watchman. Help was quickly summoned. Deputy

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE SAID HOUSE.

"If Jones Dies, Col. Gardiner Is His Murderer," Attorney Declares.

An Evening World reporter was telling Lawyer Fred House, attorney for Jones and Patrick, the details of the confession made to the police and the Assistant District Attorney by his client when a messenger broke into the office with the news of Jones's suicide. "This is an outrage," he said. "It is an eternal shame. I don't believe the people of this city will permit it. It's nothing but barbarism. It's worse than medievalism."

Here the District Attorney goes with the detectives and Col. Baker to my client in the dead of night, midnight. They found the young man up and struggling before their inquisitorial body. God knows what they did there. Then they say he confessed. Gallies, racked by every torture, said the ear was stationary. But when he came out he reiterated in his famous words that the earth did move.

Forced Him to Suicide.

"They have forced my client to attempt suicide. If he dies Col. Gardiner will be guilty of murder. Were the defense to do what he has done he would rush before the Grand Jury and have us indicted for subornation of perjury. That's what it is. Think of it. They were in there at midnight and dragged young Jones out and gave him no one knows what kind of treatment. I, as his counsel, knew nothing of it. They took good care of that. "Every prosecuting attorney and judge in this country denounced such methods when applied to Dreyfus. What's the difference between the action of the French authorities and here in England? In England every man is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. In French courts every man accused is presumed to be guilty until he proves his innocence."

Col. Gardiner is ignoring our fundamental law. It is revolutionary. My clients are innocent. I can prove that. Yet they have driven one of them to desperation. Jones this young man never before arrested. He bore an excellent reputation, but between certain newspapers and some officials they drove him to an attempt on his life.

"It's Murder," Says House.

"It's murder, just plain ordinary first degree murder, and if he dies they have murdered him. It's a shame. "I will see what our rights are. I will get a ruling. They took Jones out of his cell at 3 o'clock Wednesday night. They kept at 'im until 3 o'clock the next morning. I was not notified. I want to know what that figure Col. Baker had at the inquisition last night. His interests are the opposite of my clients. It's a shame."

Lawyer House worked himself into almost a passion as he denounced the District Attorney, Capt. McCluskey and everybody who had taken part in the midnight inquisition.

Lawyer House called on Coroner Hart at 10:30 o'clock. He repeated his former statement about the District Attorney's conduct. "A moment later Assistant District Attorney Osborne met Mr. House and they had a brief conversation. It was agreed with Coroner Hart that the Rice inquest, which was to have been held this morning, would be postponed for a week. Lawyer House then hurried away. He said he was going to Bellevue Hospital."

Messrs. House & Grossman reached Bellevue Hospital shortly before noon. They were admitted to Jones's bedside. They found him so feeble and nervous that they remained but a few seconds and did not question him as to why he had attempted to kill himself.

Jones thanked the lawyers for calling to see him.

Dr. Anderson says his patient will improve rapidly from his nervousness wears off.

In a Pittsford State.

Lawyer House, after leaving his client's bedside, said: "It is pitiful to see the nervous condition of the poor fellow. I could not undertake to talk to him."

The story that Patrick loaned him the knife is absolutely false. Patrick denies it.

Mr. Grossman broke in here and said that in the Tombs two days ago Patrick had asked him for the loan of a knife to trim his nails, thus showing he had no knife to loan to Jones.

Weather Forecast.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M., Friday, Nov. 2, for New York City and vicinity: Cloudy with occasional rains to night and Friday. Fair and cooler Saturday. Fresh to brisk easterly winds.



CHARLES F. JONES.

TROLLEY CAR KILLED ONE MAN AND INJURED ANOTHER.

An electric car of the Third Avenue line ran over two men at the 17th street crossing this morning, killing one of them. The other man is seriously hurt. Both were hit by the car coming from work.

TO RESUBMIT TRADERS' INSURANCE CASE.

District Attorney Gardiner ordered from Judge Parsons this afternoon an order requiring the Globe Insurance Co. to submit the charges of fraud against the officers of the Globe Insurance Co. to the Grand Jury.

Col. Gardiner said a motion picture was made of the trial of the Globe Insurance Co. officers, which was shown to the Grand Jury. Subpoenas have been issued for the officers of the Globe Insurance Co. and they are being served this afternoon.

LAW BEGINS TO ACT IN PATERSON.

The case of Jennie H. H. H. will be taken up by the Paterson County Grand Jury the first thing tomorrow morning. It was to have been disposed of to-day, but Detective Sergeant Taylor said that H. H. H. had to appear before the Supreme Court of the State on Tuesday morning. Subpoenas have been issued for the officers of the H. H. H. and they are being served this afternoon.

RESULTS AT LAKESIDE.

THIRD RACE—Hawthorn 1, Dora 2, Maudie 3.
FOURTH RACE—Dora 1, Maudie 2, Hawthorn 3.
FIFTH RACE—Hawthorn 1, Maudie 2, Dora 3.
SIXTH RACE—Hawthorn 1, Maudie 2, Dora 3.

WINNERS AT LATONIA.

THIRD RACE—Hawthorn 1, Maudie 2, Dora 3.
FOURTH RACE—Hawthorn 1, Maudie 2, Dora 3.
FIFTH RACE—Hawthorn 1, Maudie 2, Dora 3.

Tells Why He Attempted to Take His Life in the Tombs---His Confession to Assistant District Attorney Osborne.

WHY HE TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF.

Jones Says Patrick Urged Suicide Upon Him—Filled with Remorse.

W. W. Miller, of the law firm of Hornblower & Byrne, saw Jones in the prison work at Bellevue Hospital late this afternoon.

The would-be suicide talked freely. His strength was returning. With the return came remorse. To Mr. Miller Jones said: "My God, I wish I could die! I cried wildly, sobbing and wringing his hands. 'Oh, God, think of what I have done!'"

"How I stand by while my best friend on earth was being murdered in that room!"

"Oh, what a miserable wretch I was!"

"I could have saved him then, but I did not once lift my hand to protect him."

"I don't want to live."

"God! My agonies are such! I don't want to live. I am miserable."

The half-razed man was quieter after the first wild outburst. He then said: "I was a case of either Patrick or me. I reasoned it all out."

"If you had more to live for than I, the two children were worth more to him than my life was to me."

"He Gave Me the Knife."

"Patrick gave me the knife to kill myself with. We met in a corner of the crowded room in the prison. Patrick took my hand in his and cried like a baby. His sobbing affected me deeply."

"Jones," he said, "if you should prove me as against me I have more to live for than you. Take this knife. You can make better use of it than I can."

He held me by the arm and said: "I have lived only for him and his love."

"I have lived only for him and his love," Patrick said. "I would kill myself."

VALET JONES, WHO AND WHAT HE IS.

Charles F. Jones, twenty-six years old, 5 feet tall, slim. Born on a farm near Lynchburg, Tex. Father a religious enthusiast.

Went to work five years ago in Capitol Hotel in Houston, Tex., owned by the late W. M. Rice. Four years ago entered Mr. Rice's employ as valet, having gained the millionaire's good will in Texas.

Came to New York with Mr. Rice three years ago, and acted as his secretary.

Jones studied hypnotism and was ambitious to become wealthy. He dressed well, and met Lawyer Albert T. Patrick a year ago when the lawyer was conducting a suit against the late Mr. Rice.

CORBETT HAD NO QUARREL.

Fugitive Denied Reported Scene in Forty-second Street.

J. J. Corbett denied this afternoon to an Evening World reporter that he had any quarrel with his wife last night. He said that he was in the Rosemont Hotel last evening with Mrs. Corbett, but he declared that the report of any "scene" there has no foundation.

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Assistant District Attorney Osborne late this afternoon gave to The Evening World additional facts in the confession of Charles F. Jones, valet of the murdered millionaire, William M. Rice, in which the young man says he was given by the lawyer the alternative of keeping silence or committing suicide.

"The reason I want to make a confession is because Patrick called me aside and asked me to commit suicide," said Jones. "He said to me, 'I've got a pill in your pie.'"

Shortly after our arrest I suspected Patrick was not doing the right thing by me. I found he was consulting people without my knowledge. It made me suspicious and I believed things were going against me.

"After I had signed the checks for Patrick he told me if the bank officials rang up to tell them the checks were all right. Later he called me up and said, 'You've made a bust of the thing. You have misspelled my name and the bank is kicking. If they phone say they are O. K.'"

I got a phone from him again saying that the bank people were making trouble and there would be some wiring. He told me to telegraph at once to the friends of Rice that he was dead. He dictated the message and the list of names.

After Jones had completed his statement to Mr. Osborne the Assistant District Attorney asked:

"What promises did Patrick make to you concerning your share of the take off?"

"I asked Patrick where I would come in," answered Jones. "He said, 'That's all right, you'll be well taken care of.'"

"What was the stake you were playing for?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Not less than \$2,000,000, and Patrick said he hoped to get \$8,000,000."

The statement of Assistant District Attorney Osborne and the part of confession given earlier in the day are as follows:

DETERMINED TO TELL ALL.

"At a conference of all the parties interested in this case it was agreed that there was no objection to publishing the facts which have developed in the last twenty-four hours. No one's case can be injured by publishing the truth."

"On Tuesday afternoon I received a message that Charles F. Jones, in the City Prison, desired to see me. I went to see Jones, and he was brought down and seated at a table in the prison."

"I asked Jones if he desired to see and to talk to me. He said he did. I told him the law did not require him to make any statement to me; that any statement he made would be used against him; that I was not his lawyer and that he had a lawyer; that I was on the other side."

"He said he understood that, but he desired to volunteer of his own accord to make this statement to the District Attorney. I thereupon sent for Capt. Baker, James Byrne, of Hornblower & Byrne, and Mr. Miller. In their presence Charles F. Jones made his statement to me."

WETTERBEE TOLD THE TRUTH.

"He said that every word told by Walter O. Wetterbee on the stand in the hearing before Magistrate Brann was absolutely true."

"He said that for some days previous to Mr. Rice's death Patrick, who had by this time become intimate with Mr. Rice, had given Mr. Rice tablets of a grayish color, and that Mr. Rice took these tablets from Patrick and partook of them."

"By this time Patrick and Rice were very intimate. Mr. Rice on Saturday sent Jones to Patrick's house to demand certain papers from Patrick that he had in his possession. This was about Sept. 12, 1900. Mr. Rice had been bothered with constipation, and Mr. Patrick brought some tablets which he said he had been taking himself. After Mr. Rice had been taking them a few days Mrs. Van Alstyne recommended bananas."

Mr. Osborne then read the following from Jones's confession: "Mr. Rice complained that the bananas clogged his stomach. The doctor said, 'Very well, that inasmuch as he had only diarrhoea he would pull through all right.' Mr. Rice took the tablets for eight days before he died. He took them every night until the Friday before his death. He may have taken many more, but I didn't see him. The last time I saw him take them was on Wednesday or Thursday before his death."

"All of Friday night Mr. Rice fretted and worried, grieving about the flood in Galveston and the failure of the Merchants and Planters' Oil Mill. He feared Patrick had got him into some trap and was afraid he would lose the rest of his property. He worried and cried like a woman with hysterics until 2 A. M. He then fell asleep and slept until 7 A. M."

THREATENED PATRICK WITH EXPOSURE.

"He sent me Saturday morning to Patrick's house and told me to tell Patrick that if he did not return the papers he would report him to the authorities."

Mr. Patrick seemed nervous and said: 'I want to know what Mr. Rice's condition is and what steps will be taken if he notifies the authorities.' said I was satisfied Mr. Rice would not take any steps if he would report the papers which I was sent for."

"When I left Mr. Patrick's house I went to the doctor, as I was to do by Patrick. When I returned Mr. Rice was sleeping. On Sunday morning Patrick said that Mr. Rice's mind was wandering."

"On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, Mr. Rice's mind had improved. He said about the papers from Patrick. He said: 'Why has Patrick not sent'